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Dear Sir:

The Deputy Attorney General has denied my request for access to certain reports which relate to my inquiry concerning the Warren Commission Report, I am hereby requesting an Administrative Review as provided for in 5 U.S.C. § 552. Enclosed are copies of my DJ-118, with attachment and the letter of denial from Mr. Kleindienst.

The information that I am seeking concerns the suspects mentioned Commission Exhibits 705 and 1974 but about which there is no identifying information published in the Report. I feel that the withholding of the identity of these various suspects is improper because the Government had set a precedent for disclosure by publishing, at least the names, of several other individuals who, at the time of the Assassination were considered suspect. Also, there is the fact that the actions of the unidentified suspects were far more "sinister" in nature than those of the known suspects, or for that matter of Oswald himself, during the time immediately following the Assassination.

If these unknown suspects were cleared and I assume they were, I do not see what reason justifies the total suspression of their identity from the Report or from material now available to researchers. Such a policy can only lead one to surmise that these individuals were somehow deeply involved in those events in Dallas on November 22, 1963.

Hopefully, this letter will not be ignored as were my letters of January 10, 1970 and February 21, 1970 directed to your office. I wish to assure you of my determination to pursue this matter as far as possible and with all means at my disposal.

Very truly yours,

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